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Docket No.: SCHOLTYSSSEK

In re Application of:)
WERNER SCHOLTYSSSEK ET AL.)
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U.S. Appl. No.: 10/563,081)
For: AQUEOUS ADHESIVE COMPOSITION)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification and in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP2004/007036. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application, respectively.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

German Patent No. DE 695 04 151 T2 describes an aqueous emulsion comprising a dispersant of a modified polyvinyl alcohol with an ethylene unit content of 2 to 9 mol% and a degree of hydrolysis of at least 95 mol%, a dispersoid of a polymer of an ethylenically unsaturated monomer, and a ratio (eta 2rpm/ eta 20rpm) of Brookfield viscosity at 30 DEG C, 2 rpm (eta 2rpm) as against Brookfield viscosity at 30 DEG C, 20 rpm (eta 20rpm) being 1 to 1.8 when the latter viscosity (eta 20rpm) is adjusted to 5,000 to 10,000 mPa.S. The aqueous emulsion according to the present invention is excellent in structural viscosity (flowability, high speed application performance), provides coated layers with high water resistance and low-temperature stability, and can be suitably used extensively as an adhesive for paper, wood and plastics, as a binder for impregnated paper and non-woven products, as an additive for mortar, as a paint, and in paper and fiber processing.

German Patent No. DE 692 29 921 T2 describes a composition which comprises an (A) aqueous emulsion selected from (A-1) aqueous emulsion comprising a dispersoid which comprises a vinyl ester polymer (1) and a copolymer a (meth)acrylic ester and a primary hydroxyl group-containing ethylenically unsaturated monomer (2), the polymer (1) being present principally in the central part of the dispersoid, the

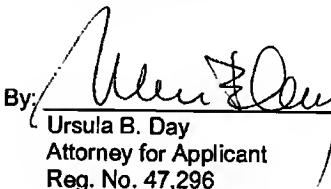
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copolymer (2) having a glass transition temperature of lower than 50 DEG C an being present principally in the peripheral part thereof; and a dispersant comprising a vinyl alcohol polymer and (A-2) aqueous emulsion comprising a dispersoid which comprises a copolymer of a hydrophobic unsaturated monomer such as (meth)acrylic ester and a primary hydroxyl group-containing ethylenically unsaturated monomer; and a dispersant comprising a vinyl alcohol polymer having a mercapto group at an end thereof and a (B) polyvalent isocyanate compound. Disclosed also are an adhesive comprising the aforementioned composition and a wooden product which is joined by the use of the adhesive. The above-disclosed adhesive is excellent in initial adhesivity, adhesive strength, water resistance and so forth.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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